

Remarks

Claims 4 and 13 have been allowed. Claims 1, 3, 6, 7, 11 and 15 have been amended, wherein claim 1 has incorporated the features of claims 3 and 4, and claim 11 has incorporated the features of claim 13, and claims 1, 7 and 11 are amended to recite “drawing area” instead of “drawing means”. Claims 6 and 15 have been amended, and support for the amendments is found in the specification at page 11, lines 9-18. Claims 4 and 13 have been cancelled without prejudice. Therefore, Claims 1-3, 5-12 and 14-18 remain pending in the present application.

Support for the amendments can be found in the specification and claims as filed. Accordingly, the amendments do not constitute the addition of new matter. Reconsideration of the application in view of the foregoing amendments and following comments is respectfully requested.

Specification Objection

The Office Action objects to the specification under 37 CFR 1.75(d) and MPEP §608.01(o) as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter.

In response thereto, applicant has amended the specification to make the specification comply with 37 CFR 1.75(d) and MPEP § 608.01(o).

Claim Rejection - 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 2 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The claims contain subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention.

Applicant has amended the specification to comply with the enablement requirement. These amendments do not contain any new matter.

In view of the amendments to Claims 2 and 12, applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the Examiner’s rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph.

Claim Rejection - 35 U.S.C. § 102

With respect to paragraphs 4 to 8 of the Office Action, the Office Action rejected Claims 1, 3, 5-7, and 11, 14, and 15 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Shlosinger (US 3,543,839 A). Of the rejected claims, only Claims 1 and 11 are independent.

The Office Action states that Claims 4 and 13 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In response thereto, the applicant has respectfully amended Claim 1 to include the allowable subject matter of Claim 4, and amended Claim 11 to include the allowable subject matter of Claim 13. Therefore, amended Claims 1 and 11 are now allowable. Since amended Claims 1 and 11 are allowable, Claims 3 and 5-7 dependent from amended Claim 1 are likewise believed to be allowable, and Claims 14 and 15 dependent from amended Claim 11 are likewise believed to be allowable.

Therefore, the applicant respectfully requests that the claim rejections be withdrawn.

Claim Rejection - 35 U.S.C. § 103

With respect to paragraphs 9 to 14 of the Office Action, the Office Action rejects Claims 8 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Schlosinger in view of Staudhammer et al. (US 3,762,011 A); the Office Action rejected Claims 9, 10, 17 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Schlosinger in view of Grover et al. (US 4,640,347 A). Of the rejected claims, Claims 8-10 depend from amended Claim 1, and Claims 16-18 depend from amended Claim 11.

The Office Action states that Claims 4 and 13 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In response thereto, the applicant has respectfully amended Claim 1 to include the allowable subject matter of Claim 4, and amended Claim 11 to include the allowable subject matter of Claim 13. Therefore, the amended Claims 1 and 11 are now allowable. Since amended Claims 1 and 11 are allowable, Claims 8-10 dependent from amended Claim 1 are likewise believed to be allowable, and Claims 16-18 dependent from amended Claim 11 are likewise believed to be allowable.

Therefore, the applicant respectfully requests that the claim rejections be withdrawn.

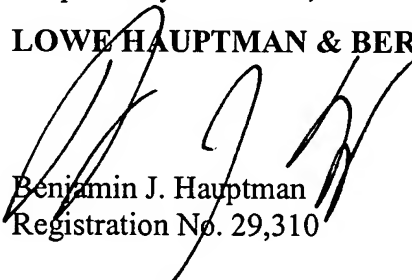
Conclusions

For all of the above reasons, applicants submit that the specification and claims are now in proper form, and that the claims define patentably over the prior art of record. Therefore applicants respectfully request issuance for this case at the Office Action's earliest convenience.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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